

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

SIMON PROPERTY GROUP, INC., et al.,

Plaintiffs,

File No. 02-74799

v.

The Honorable Victoria A. Roberts

TAUBMAN CENTERS, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

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REPLY BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION
TO SUSPEND INJUNCTION PENDING APPEAL

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ARGUMENT

SPG is not being straight with the Court. SPG's suggestion that Taubman Centers and the Taubman family will suffer no irreparable harm because it is "willing to commit that it will not effectuate a merger involving TCI until the appeal is decided," conditioned on the defendants' not taking "any further actions" to "imped[e] or interfer[e] with the SPG/Westfield offer," (SPG Br. at 4), is misleading and untrue. This "commitment" neither prevents irreparable harm nor preserves the status quo. Rather:

- It leaves SPG free to schedule and hold a meeting of shareholders where 33.6% of the shareholders will not be permitted to vote.
- It leaves SPG free to amend Taubman Centers' articles of incorporation to eliminate the ownership limit as to SPG alone (meaning that the limit would still apply to counter-bidders who would not be able to purchase more than 8.23% of Taubman Centers' stock).
- It leaves SPG free to consummate its tender offer by purchasing from the public, in irreversible transactions, substantially all of Taubman Centers' common stock.

The only thing SPG is "committing" not to do is to "effectuate a merger," which is simply the last and final step necessary to force out those shareholders who did not tender their shares. In other words, SPG "commits" that it would take virtually every irreversible step necessary to complete its hostile tender offer, and that Taubman Centers should do nothing to impede or interfere with that tender offer, including consider an auction that would give the shareholders a higher price for their shares.

If SPG were serious in its purported commitment to preserve the status quo, its offer would be to take no action whatsoever with respect to its tender offer, including not calling or taking steps to call a meeting to amend Taubman Centers' articles of incorporation, in exchange for the company's agreement to take no action to impede or interfere with SPG's tender offer

during the pendency of the appeal. Instead, showing that it has every intention of proceeding immediately to create an irreversible situation pending appeal, yesterday SPG filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a Schedule 14A Proxy Statement to solicit the shareholders to call a special meeting for the purpose of "facilitat[ing] the consummation of [SPG's] pending tender offer." (Schedule 14A at i (attached Ex. A).) At the special meeting, the shareholders will be asked to (i) amend the articles of incorporation "to provide that the Excess Share Provision would not apply to SPG, WEA or their respective affiliates" and (ii) approve "additional proposals" to be identified later. (*Id.* at 22-23.)

As to the alleged harm that SPG may suffer if a stay is granted, SPG refers only to the generalization that a delay of a tender offer is harmful. But it presents no evidence whatsoever of any harm that it will actually suffer in this case if a stay is granted during the pendency of the appeal.¹

On the other hand, the deprivation of the defendants' voting rights at a special meeting that will affect the very existence of Taubman Centers before an appeal is even heard is not a theoretical injury. The harm that the defendants will surely suffer if a stay pending appeal is not granted is very real and irreparable.

¹ SPG's request for a \$350 million bond based on the difference between the former trading price of the stock and its offer makes no sense. The purpose of a bond is to cover the damages that SPG may incur as a result of the stay. SPG is the payor, so it will not suffer any damages. As for the shareholders, SPG does not contend that it will "go away" if a stay is granted.

RELIEF REQUESTED

The defendants respectfully request the Court to suspend, under Rule 62(c), the preliminary injunction and to stay the order during the pendency of the appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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